



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 18, 2008

Dennis Rubin
Fire Chief
District of Columbia Fire Department
1923 Vermont Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Chief Rubin,

The members of the Metropolitan Police Department, Major Crash Investigation Unit, would like to take this opportunity to thank the District of Columbia Fire Department for assisting our unit in the reconstruction of a critical injury motor vehicle collision that occurred on December 23, 2007 at approximately 1231 hours in the 3100 block of Minnesota Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C. On Tuesday, April 8, 2008 the members of Rescue Squad 2 responded to our call for assistance to recover a vital piece of evidence from a vehicle located at the Metropolitan Police Department Vehicle Maintenance shop located at 17th Street and West Virginia Avenue, N.E. The evidence was contained in a vehicle that was badly crushed in the collision making it impossible for our detectives to recover the evidence unaided. The crew of Rescue Squad 2 responded promptly and within a matter of minutes removed the obstructing twisted metal from the vehicle and the property was recovered. We would like to acknowledge the fine work and professionalism displayed by your firefighters. We wish to commend them for their service to the Major Crash Investigation Unit, the United States Attorney's Office and the citizens of the District of Columbia.

We would like to note for the record the names of the firefighters of Rescue Squad 2, Platoon 4 that assisted in our investigation:

Lieutenant Joseph Rainwater

Firefighter Edgar Burton

Firefighter James Mazzara

Firefighter Michael Cramer

Firefighter Stephen Muccino (detailed from Rescue Squad 3)

We extend our gratitude to you and your personnel.

Sheryl Harley
Detective

Major Crash Investigation Unit
Vehicular Homicide Squad